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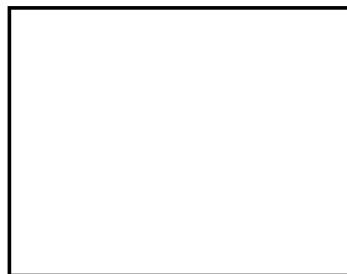
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1. The old and dirty Crnomorski barracks is in the middle of Burgas on the Black Sea coast, and is reached by Ivan Asen Boulevard. Along the street there is a brick wall, 175 m long. The barracks consists of: an L-shaped, one-story quarters for enlisted, 50 x 55 m; an E-shaped staff building, 55 x 80 m, including officers' quarters; a stable, 15 x 30 m; a one-story workshop, 10 x 20 m; a magazine 6 x 10 m; a munitions depot, 5 x 5 m; a small-caliber target range.
2. The barracks is occupied by the 24th Bulgarian Infantry Regiment, 25X1
 It is commanded by Lt. Col. "Vojko" (a partisan name) Nudev, 42 years old, a strong Communist. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions and some of the regimental troops are not in the barracks, but elsewhere in Burgas.
3. At the barracks are a staff of 20 men; a staff company of 65-70 men; a reconnaissance company, 35 to 37 men, with machine pistols; a heavy mortar platoon, 35 men, with four 82 mm mortars; a heavy machine gun platoon, 32 to 34 men, with two Maxim machine guns; the regimental transport unit of 110 to 115 men. The 1st Battalion, also at the barracks, is commanded by Capt. Nikoloff. It has a staff of 25 to 30 men and three rifle companies of 95 to 100 men each, each company having six Soviet light machine guns.
4. The regiment is partly motorized, having two passenger cars and four trucks for the staff, three weapons carriers for the mortar platoon, two motorcycles and 14 trucks of various types.
5. All the weapons are Soviet but Czech and German weapons in unknown number are stored in the magazine. It also holds new Soviet gas masks, but these have never been used. The men wear red shoulder boards; the uniforms are new and in good shape.
6. Also in Burgas there are a coast artillery section, an artillery regiment, and a marine infantry unit.

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